

## **Kingston Conservation Advisory Council**

### **Board Meeting**

Minutes 1/13/10

**Attendance-Board Members:** Judith Deming, Felipa Gaudet, Valeria Gheorghiu, Elizabeth Higgins, Julie Noble, Gregg Swanzey, Allison Taylor

**Guests:** Casey Schwarz, Tom Hoffay

- Valeria was elected as new recording secretary, unanimously
- Tom Hoffay will be the liaison to the Common Council. He will try to make our regular CAC meetings. He would like to have one member attend the meeting of the Common Council committee-the General Government/Auditing/Public Safety Committee. The meeting this month is the 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. of the month. Regular meeting time will be decided at the meeting. The CAC is now housed under committee. Allison, Gregg, Julie, and Judith will be able to attend this first meeting on 1/28/10 at 6:30pm.
- Approval of minutes---Allison made a motion to accept minutes as is, Liz 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.
- Communications:
  1. Ulster Town Meeting—Ulster Manor Project-Eco/Arch value of Ridge- public hearing next week. Connected to Kingston ecologically. Community members would like to protect Ridge
  2. Green Justice Project—Have partnered up for green jobs training—for more info, contact Valeria
  3. Saturday, January 16. is the Forsyth Nature Center Winter Fest—10am—2pm---activities include snowshoe hikes, mulching trees, children's activities and crafts.
  4. Food Securities---Hudson Valley Round Table---contact Valeria for more info.
- Reports:
  1. EMC—no Dec. meeting---Gregg will report at our next meeting
  2. Planning Board Meeting—Felipa went this month. Some areas of interest:
    - Friend of Historic Kingston—Hudson Landing Project—would like it “built green”
    - 702 Broadway—storm water impact will be taken. More to come. Valeria suggested we encourage “green” blacktopping.
    - Julie is scheduled to go to Feb. meeting and will follow up with Sue Cahill re: black topping and the alternatives
    - Schedule for attendance to P.B. meeting—March 8, Judith  
April 12, Judith  
May 10, Allison  
June 14, Gregg
    - Liaison should email Sue Cahill to let her know you will be at meeting
- Animal Legislation—Liz reviewed city codes in Saugerties—Kingston's code is loose, in terms of animal ownership. There is more issue with noise and nuisance laws. We will

need some education/outreach with the KPD and the Kingston Land Trust. Liz will draft letter to KPD to see if there are a lot of issues re: animals and noise.

- Administrative Matters:
  1. Policies and Procedures—discussion ensued regarding Rule #5: Order of Business. Announcements, Communications, Reports, and Admin. Matters will be moved to lower in the Agenda. Rule #8 will be reworded—Felipa will forward to all. Allison made a motion to accept the Rules and Procedures as amended, Felipa 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Adopted 1/13/10
  2. Annual Report: submitted to Mayor and Common Council President
- Old Business:
  1. Climate Smart Community Pledge---a participants list is being formulated. A couple of additions were added to master list. Julie will complete list and forward to group.
  2. Outreach meeting/Dates/Presenters. What is our next step? How should we contact each person? Community outreach, informative meeting?
  3. Valeria will put together key points for implementing plan. Also, task force vs. focus groups? We want a common language when we begin outreach.
- Julie made a motion to table all mapping information. Allison 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor
- CAC website---Felipa shared general sketch of CAC logo. Discussion ensued re: image quality. Board members need to email personal bios to Felipa this week
- Gregg made a motion to adjourn meeting. Felipa 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor
- Adjourn---9:20pm